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EPA Laboratory Signs Agreement with German Research Center

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Research Triangle Park, NC.....A landmark agreement will be signed Oct. 28 between a national laboratory at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Research Triangle Park, NC, and a governmental research center in Germany. The agreement provides an opportunity for the two premier environmental research organizations to cooperate on research projects, share technology and techniques, conduct temporary scientist exchanges and use each other's research facilities for specific research.

The agreement, to be signed at a ceremony in Germany, establishes the first formal research relationship between the National Research Center for Environment and Health in Neuherberg, Germany, and EPA's National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory. The National Research Center is supported by the German government and the state of Bavaria.

Areas of cooperation to be explored include improving methods, technologies and procedures in the fields of inhalation toxicology, human epidemiology and mammalian genetics by pursuing joint and parallel scientific and technological research and development. Other areas of mutual interest in research can be pursued as part of the agreement.

"We look forward to this unique opportunity to conduct research with the scientists at the National Research Center and participate in other cooperative activities," said Lawrence W. Reiter, Ph.D., director of the EPA laboratory. "By pooling our scientific knowledge and expertise, we can enhance our common mission to effectively address the complex and challenging environmental problems that threaten public health."

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